

The Treasurer of the Western Shore being required by law to make a detailed report to you of the financial concerns of the State, I deem it unnecessary to enter into any detail upon that subject. But I have the gratification to state, that after meeting all the appropriations and demands within the fiscal year, the balance remaining in the Treasury, on the first instant, considerably exceeds that remaining at the end of the previous year.

The communication from Gideon Pearce, Esq. with an Index to the Laws and Resolutions of the State, from the year 1826 to 1829, inclusive, prepared by him under authority of the Executive, in virtue of the resolution No. 64, of November Session 1811, herewith transmitted, has just been received. It rests with you to make Mr. Pearce such compensation for his services, as the nature and execution of the work, justly entitles him to.

In conclusion, allow me to say that I have endeavoured to abridge this report, as much as the variety of subjects necessary to be embraced would permit;—preferring to submit the documents themselves to the wisdom of the Legislature, as no doubt is entertained by me that your deliberations, aided by a kind and merciful Providence, will tend to the advancement of the honor, dignity and prosperity of the State.

I have the honor to be,
With the highest consideration,
Your obedient humble serv't.

GEORGE HOWARD.

On motion by Mr. Hunt,
Ordered, That three hundred copies of the Governor's Message be printed for the use of the Legislature.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY, December 29th, 1831.

The House met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

John Brown, Esquire. a delegate returned for Queen Anne's county, appeared, qualified, and took his seat.

Mr. Brookhart presented the petition of Henry Briscoe, of Jefferson county, Kentucky, a revolutionary soldier, praying for a pension.

Mr. Nicols presented the petition of Mary Easom, of